

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL SECTIONS 231, 2761, AND 2771 OF THE CODE, AND TO EN-
ACT SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR, LIMITING THE NUMBER OF JURORS IN THE
CIRCUIT COURT.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That sections 231,
2 2761, and 2771, of the Code, be and the same are hereby repealed, and the following enacted
3 as substitutes therefor:

4 Sec. 231. The number of grand jurors shall be fifteen, and in counties containing less
5 than fifteen thousand inhabitants, as shown by the last preceding census, the trial jurors for
6 the district court shall consist of the same number, unless the judge otherwise orders. But
7 in counties containing a greater number of inhabitants the number of trial jurors for the
8 district court shall be twenty-four. The number of trial jurors for the circuit court shall be
9 eighteen.

10 Sec. 2761. When a jury trial is demanded the clerk shall, in the district court, select twelve
11 jurors by lot from the regular panel. In the circuit court the judge shall, as early as the
12 third day of each term, call the docket for the trial of jury causes, at which time the parties
13 or their attorneys shall, if they desire such number, demand a jury of twelve men, in which
14 causes, when reached, the clerk shall select twelve jurors by lot from the regular panel. In
15 all cases wherein no such demand is made at that time by either party, the clerk shall select,
16 in the same manner, six jurors, and such causes shall be tried by a jury of six men.

17 Sec. 2771. Each party shall have the right to challenge peremptorily in the district court
18 five, and in the circuit court three jurors, and no more, and the parties shall challenge alter-
19 nately, commencing with the plaintiff, and the challenge for cause being first exhausted or
20 waived, the parties shall then in turn, in the same order, exercise the right of peremptory
21 challenge.